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CUPA Outstanding Program Implementation of the Month

The City of El Segundo CUPA has demonstrated remarkable coordination and communication with the regulated business community. Since August 2005, the City of El Segundo CUPA conducted at least three extensive hazardous materials and hazardous waste seminars for regulated businesses. The seminars included universal waste regulations, hazardous materials notification guidance, federal and state manifesting requirements, the use of MSDS information, shelter-in-place protocols, and keeping the regulated business community informed about legislative updates. The City of El Segundo CUPA has also conducted multi-agency hazardous material response drills with the participation of various industrial facilities on a regular basis.

The City of El Segundo CUPA has maintained excellent coordination and communication with other CUPAs through participation in the Los Angeles County CUPA Coordinating Committee (known as LAC4) and the Region 1 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Both the LAC4 and LEPC meet every other month.

The City of El Segundo CUPA works closely and effectively with other agencies including the Mayor's office, Police Department, City Manager's office, local medical facilities, the local Air Quality Management District, and private sector response teams that are identified through local industry's Beach Cities Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) Association to ensure timely coordinated hazardous materials incident responses.

10th Annual Unified Program Conference Date and Location Set

The 10th Annual California Unified Program Training Conference will be held in Northern California at the Hyatt Regency, San Francisco Airport, in Burlingame from February 4-7, 2008. Make your plans to attend this important training opportunity.

State Water Resources Control Board

Government-owned Tanks Compliance Report

We are pleased to report that, as of June 25, all but 3 CUPAs have submitted their data on the compliance status of government-owned tanks. The state's final report is due in early August 2007, so we appreciate your

efforts to help us meet this deadline. We will complete the collection of the outstanding data by mid-July, so we should be able to report data from all California local permitting agencies. Cudos to the CUPAs!
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Enhanced Leak Detection (ELD) Follow-up –new Geotracker Tools

We mailed our latest notifications for enhanced leak detection testing (within 1000' of a drinking water well) on June 20, 2007. The mailout included 462 letters: 178 new notifications, 172 non-compliance warnings, and 112 notification withdrawal letters.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to visit Geotracker to verify that your active facilities are in the UST database and correctly located on the map. Accurate and precise information is critical to efficient ELD notification and Request for Reconsideration processing.

Thanks to all of you who provided updates for this June 20 mailout! We appreciate your efforts to save time and work for all facilities, CUPAs/PAs, and State Water Board staff involved in this project.

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CUPA Quarterly Reporting (Report 6)

For the October-December 2006 quarter, 98 CUPAs and PAs (97% of the 101 CUPAs/PAs) submitted quarterly reports (Report 6, Title 27 regulations). UST inspections for Significant Operational Compliance (SOC) totaled 3,345, compared to the previous quarters 3,523 inspections. Local agencies reported that 72% of inspected facilities were in SOC with release detection requirements, 79% were in SOC with release prevention requirements, and 68% were in SOC with both release detection and release prevention requirements. CUPAs issued 7 Red Tags during this quarter.

As of December 30, 2006, there were 15,781 UST facilities; 37,564 active and 123,804 closed petroleum USTs; and 3,154 active and 20,382 closed hazardous substance USTs. At the end of the October-December 2006 quarter, the following UST or facility numbers were reported: 180 fewer petroleum USTs, 49 fewer hazardous substance USTs, and 79 fewer UST facilities.

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Department of Toxic Substances Control

The California Green Chemistry Initiative: Opportunities for Stakeholder Participation

Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection, has directed the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to lead the California Green Chemistry Initiative. DTSC will lead Cal/EPA's boards and departments to fundamentally change how government and business work together to deal with waste before it is generated. This new approach is similar to measures adopted by the European Union and the Canadian government to encourage greater manufacturer responsibility.

The Green Chemistry Initiative will provide recommendations for developing a consistent means for evaluating risk, reducing exposure, encouraging less-toxic industrial processes, and identifying safer, non-chemical alternatives. Most importantly, the Green Chemistry Initiative will ensure a comprehensive and collaborative approach that will increase accountability and effectiveness of environmental programs across state government.

The programs that make up the Green Chemistry Initiative team are currently compiling a viable list of strategies to advance Green Chemistry in California, and will be submitting them to Cal/EPA Secretary Linda Adams by January 2008. From that list, proposed recommendations for a final policy will be developed by July 1, 2008. There is a tremendous amount of work ahead, and DTSC has created an array of opportunities to facilitate creative and constructive public participation process in this effort. The current opportunities to participate include:

- Periodic Symposia and Stakeholder meetings:

Agenda, presentation slides and videos of the first two Green Chemistry Symposia are available on the Green Chemistry Initiative website; the first public stakeholder meeting was held on June 27th at the Cal/EPA building in Sacramento. Other symposia and stakeholder meetings are planned, and will be announced on the Green Chemistry Initiative Website and on the listserv described below. The meetings will be webcast for those unable to attend in person.

- "A Conversation with California" Journal/Blog space:

A Conversation with California gives you the opportunity to share your thoughts and see what others think about Green Chemistry topics. Visit the invitation site and see!

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/GreenChemistryInitiative/Invitation.cfm>

- Green Chemistry Initiative Listserv:

This listserv is dedicated to distributing current news and events related to the Green Chemistry Initiative. Subscribe at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Listservs/dtsc/>.

If you are on an office Local Area Network that has strong spam filtering, you may need to notify your Information Technology staff that you have subscribed. But if you subscribed to this listserv without problems, then you'll likely have no problems with Green Chemistry!

Visit <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/GreenChemistryInitiative/index.cfm> for the most current program features and offerings, and DTSC invites you to contribute to the development of a comprehensive chemical policy and long-term environmental protection for California.

If you have any questions please contact Green Chemistry Program staff at green.chemistry@dtsc.ca.gov. Comments and suggestions should be posted to the Conversation with California Journal/Blog.

Developing a Health-Based Methamphetamine Cleanup Standard - July 6, 2007

The goal is to develop a methamphetamine health-base cleanup standard prior to October 1, 2007, the statutory mandated date. However, finalizing the standard will depend on the outcome and comments received through rigorous scientific peer reviews and the public workshop process. For a more information, please see: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/ERP/upload/ERP_Meth-Std.pdf.

The Unified Program Section is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter. Please provide comments and suggestions to cupa@calepa.ca.gov.

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